



FIVE HONORABLE MENTIONS and one winner were selected in the public speaking competitions at the Robert Little Public school last Thursday and, seen with trophy finalist Deborah Ruppert,

are Laurie Pickles, Nancy Shoemaker, Chris Swetman, Charles Ancker, judge Vera MacDonald, and Cindy Kleine Delers.

4-H group names slate

The first meeting of Ospringe 4-H club was held Wed., Jan. 30 at Laurel Vlietstra's. Officers are president Judy Johnston, vice president Nadia Kuezkuda, secretary Nora Stubbington, press reporter Nancy de Graaf.

Members are Nancy de Graaf, Teri Flinders, Judy Jackson, Judy Johnston, Kathy Johnston, Nadia Kuezkuda, Bonnie Lang, Cindy McCausland, Susan Miller, Nora Stubbington and Laurel Vlietstra. Leaders are Mrs. Laurel Vlietstra, Mrs. McCausland and Mrs. Jackson.

Acton high school notes

by Janice Gibson
Last Saturday, February 2, the Outers' Club ran a paper drive to raise funds to sponsor their program. Many members worked hard all day, and their efforts were rewarded. Professional Development Day is February 15 for the secondary school teachers of this area. Students will not be required to attend school that day.

Schools - who needs them? top R.L. public speaker asks

"Practice projection," was the emphatic word of judge Vera MacDonald of the North Halton reading clinic in Georgetown, as she explained to a large body of grades six, seven, and eight students of the Robert Little public school some of the fundamentals in public speaking.

The event was held last Thursday morning in the school auditorium when 14 youngsters competed for school championship vying for the oral communications public speaking trophy originally presented to the school by Ben Richlin in 1952.

"Know your speech by heart," said Mrs. MacDonald. "Practice until it's spontaneous so that you will

not have to refer to notes," she spoke with authority. As a reading specialist with a background of little theatre, the attractive teacher recognizes thoroughly the value of enunciation and voice inflection. "Never let your voice drag but vary expressions," were the hints of the enthusiastic judge as she spoke to each participating child individually.

Given special encouragement were those students who received honorable mention and Mrs. MacDonald explained that, although only one winner could be selected, continuous effort on the parts of those interested in public speaking, could produce amazing results. "Don't stop now,"

and the teacher re-iterated the necessity of application and working on speaking clearly.

From the 14 students participating on Thurs., five were selected for honorable mention, and one for higher competition. The speeches varied from humorous anecdotes to timely ones relating to problems of today.

Laurie Pickles of 119 Tildey Ave. was commended for her informative talk on bush-pilots; Charles Ancker of Main St. for his amusing account dealing with his sister's boyfriend; Nancy Shoemaker of Mill St. compared Canada today with early life in the Roman empire; Cindy Kleine-Delers of 177 Elmora Dr. based her

topic on sleeping, and Chris Swetman of 114 Elizabeth was given special commendation on his approach to the subject of Thales' babies and their acceptance in today's society.

Three judges
Acclaimed as best speaker of the afternoon was Deborah Ruppert of 150 Jeffrey Street. Deborah's address was entitled Schools and Who Needs Them? She managed to convey to her audience the drop-out approach to higher learning explaining the need for more knowledge and backed up, her reasons of why school is a must for future achievement.

Also judging the Thursday speeches were Jean Dunlop of Georgetown and Ian Downie, vice-principal of Acton High

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school. The judges were in agreement that Deborah's easy and confident approach to her subject plus her presentation was excellent. She was chosen as the winner to represent the local school at the area finals to be held on Feb. 12.

Winners will proceed from the area finals to Halton county finals slated for Palermo on Feb. 15. Zone finals will then be held on Feb. 22 in Alliston for victorious contenders of the Peel, Halton, and Wentworth region, to the overall Ontario competitions at the Royal York where the sum of \$200 will be the final award for the hard won public speaking achievement.

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